

Indicator #19: Workers' Compensation Awards

Maryland State Occupational Health Indicators

About this Indicator:

Why is this Indicator Important?

Accepted awards represent known work-related injuries and illnesses, and often more severe cases. The total and average amounts of benefits paid estimate the burden of these events, which can help justify prevention programs and activities.

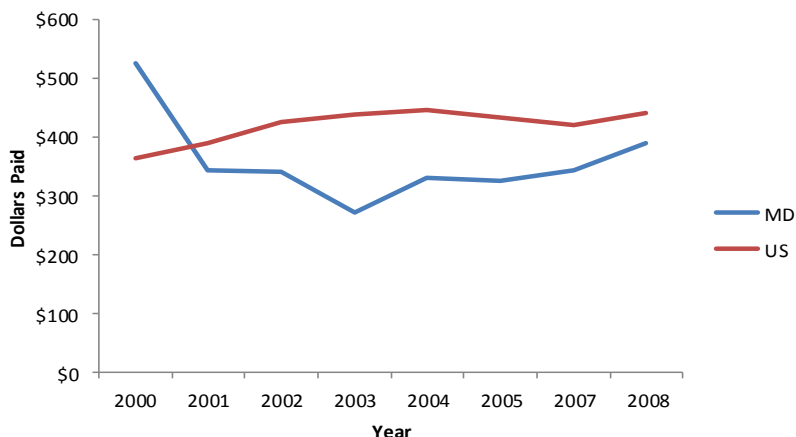
Limitation of Indicator:

Workers' compensation data is not complete, as many individuals with work-related illnesses do not file for workers' compensation. Differences among states in benefits paid could be due to a variety of factors other than injury and illness incidence. For this reason, this occupational health indicator should be used to monitor trends within states over time rather than to compare states.

For more information on this indicator or occupational health in Maryland, visit the DHMH website.

► Workers' compensation is a state-based social insurance program, developed to provide compensation for workers with work-related injuries or illnesses while limiting the liability exposure of employers. Workers' compensation provides benefits to partially replace lost wages and pay for medical expenses associated with a work-related injury or illness. Workers' compensation awards are reviewed to establish whether the reported medical condition is work-related. Accepted awards represent known work-related injuries and illnesses, and often more severe cases. The total and average amounts of benefits paid estimate the burden of these events.

Indicator #19. Average Workers' Compensation Benefit Paid per Covered Worker, Maryland and U.S.



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Year	Total Amount of workers' compensation benefits paid	Average amount of workers' compensation paid per covered worker
2000	\$1,194,629,000	\$524.65
2001	\$787,442,000	\$343.11
2002	\$783,686,000	\$340.88
2003	\$628,510,000	\$272.55
2004	\$767,576,000	\$329.15
2005	\$769,563,000	\$324.44
2006	\$815,351,000	\$339.02
2007	\$830,927,000	\$343.07
2008	\$935,948,000	\$388.84

Data Source for this Indicator: National Academy of Social Insurance (total amount and average benefits paid)